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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited in the specification, the International Search Report, and the Written Opinion issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/004745, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in English) and the Written Opinion (in English) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on March 3, 2005. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

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Japanese Patent No. 2948600 B2, which corresponds to Japanese Application No. HEI 3-030291A, together with an English language Abstract and partial English language translation of the same. Applicants note that the '291A document is cited on page 4 of the specification of the present application;

U.S. Patent No. 6,144,172;

U.S. Patent No. 4,904,903; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,020,691.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following document:

Canadian Patent No. 2 255 512.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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